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October 1st, 1914

Right Honourable Sir R. L. Borden, G.C.M.G.,

Premier of Canada.

Dear Mr. Premier:

I understand that the Government have issued a number of the British White Papers. I wish that every student of the University would read and digest it. Of course this is a Utopian desire, but I am confident that a great many students would like to have it. Could there be any way in which we could receive from the Government a number of these White Papers for their distribution to those who are really interested in them? There is a digest of the White Papers by Sir Edward Cook, published by MacMillan. Probably some of our students may get these, but it would be an education in modern history to have them study the larger paper.

With much regard, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 5th, 1914

Right Honourable R. L. Borden, G.C.M.G.,

Premier of Canada.

Dear Mr. Premier:

Very many thanks for your kindness is sending me for the use of the University five hundred copies of the Blue Book relating to the war. I shall have them distributed at once. If we could have a few copies also of the later edition with the documents from Sir Maurice de Bunsen and Sir Edward Goschen I am sure they will be appreciated also.

With much respect,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 6th, 1914

Right Honourable R. L. Borden, G.C.M.G.,

Premier of Canada.

Dear Mr. Premier:

You will doubtless have received before this a communication from the General Officer commanding 2nd Division, Toronto, recommending the establishment in the University of Toronto of a branch of the Officers Training Corps. In the expectation that the request would be granted we have undertaken preliminary work in the University and are every day enrolling men. It will , however, make our work easier and more useful if we are able to assure them that permission has been granted to establish such an Officers Training Corps. If you can see your way to granting this request at your early convenience we shall be indebted to you.

With much respect,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 15th, 1914

Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden, K.C.M.G.,

Premier of Canada.

Dear Mr. Premier:

The copies of the Government's publication containing the correspondence in connection with the outbreak of the war have reached us. I am greatly interested to read them, and have already taken steps to have them distributed by Colleges and Faculties. I am sure they will be read with a great deal of interest.

With much respect,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., 6th January, 1915.

My dear Dr. Falconer:

I appreciate very much your letter of the 2nd instant. During my tour to Winnipeg and since my return I have been obliged to decline many invitations to deliver addresses in various parts of the country; in view of the approaching session, which is to begin on the 4th of February, I fear that it will be impossible for me to arrange to visit Toronto in the meantime. Thus I have been obliged with very great reluctance to send to Mr. Bone a telegram, copy of which is enclosed.

Best wishes for the New Year

With kind remembrances, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

R. L. Borden.

Dr. Robt. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, 6th January, 1915.

John R. Bone,
President, University College,
Literary and Scientific Society,
Toronto, Ont.

My delay in replying your telegram second is due to my desire to accept invitation if possible. I greatly regret however it is now impossible for me to visit Toronto until after conclusion of approaching session as public affairs demand my constant attendance here and since 24th December have declined for that reason many invitations to speak in important centres. When arranging my next visit to Toronto I shall communicate with you and if it is then desired that I should address students as suggested I would be glad to do so. Best wishes for New Year to staff and students of University.

R. L. Borden.

Charge Privy Council.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, Ont. January 8th, 1915

Dear Doctor Falconer,-

Thanks for your note. I hope that our Session may conclude before the date mentioned in which case I shall be very glad indeed to visit Toronto and address the Students as suggested.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. R. A. Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

R. L. Borden

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, Ont. February 2nd, 1915

Dear Doctor Falconer,-

Your letter of the 30th ult. is before me. The proposal which you make is of great interest and I am submitting it for the consideration of the proper officers of the Department of Militia and Defence. Upon receiving their report I shall write to you again.

Meantime with thanks for your letter, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Robert A. Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

W. L. Borden

January 30th, 1915

Right Honourable R. L. Borden, C.C.M.G.,
Premier of Canada.

Dear Mr. Premier:

On Thursday of this week our Associate-Professor of Hygiene, Dr. Fitzgerald, presented to our Board of Governors a request that the laboratory of Hygiene in the University should be authorised to increase its work in the manufacture of biological products by the addition of equipment for the production of tetanus antitoxin. He informed the Board that in the present war the wounds from tetanus are greater than in other wars, and that the available supply is so small that it is inadequate to meet the necessities. He believes, therefore, that it is a highly patriotic duty that we in Canada should manufacture the tetanus antitoxin for our own expeditionary forces. The Governors thoroughly approve of the project, but are quite unable to provide the three or four thousand dollars to set the matter on foot. They endorsed it, however, on the understanding that Dr. Fitzgerald would endeavour to raise the funds.

Dr. Fitzgerald has for the past year been doing remarkably successful work in the manufacture of diphtheria and rabies antitoxins, and has had a training such few Canadians have had qualifying him for doing such work. He is also able to secure the services of one of our well-trained recent graduates, Dr. Defries, who would be willing to give full oversight to the manufacture of the tetanus antitoxin. In approaching some gentlemen in Toronto for financial help the suggestion was made that the capital outlay should be met by the Dominion Government, under whose jurisdiction all matters pertaining to military affairs naturally fall. I feel assured th if the Government were willing to vote this grant of money to our laboratory of Hygiene for this purpose an excellent return would be made to the country at this time. May I be allowed to remind you that grants have been made by the Dominion Government to McGill University for conducting special work on their behalf. There would be therefore no new principle involved.

I am enclosing a statement prepared for me by these gentlemen

With much respect, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, Ont. April 17th, 1915

Dear Doctor Falconer,-

Owing to the stress of the session's closing days I have not been able to take up the matter mentioned in your telegram of the 13th inst. but I hope to do so at an early date.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

R L Borden.

Dr. R A. Falconer,

President Toronto University,

Toronto, Ont.

April 21st, 1915.

The Honourable Sir Robert Borden,

Premier of Canada.

Dear Mr. Premier:

Thank you for your letter stating that you will shortly consider the matter of holding a concentration camp for members of the Officers' Training Corps from the different Universities at Niagara on the 2nd of May. I hope very much that you will be able to confirm the decision that had been reached last February, when we were told to continue our training with this camp in view. All our arrangements in the University have been made to make it possible for students to take this training, and so complete the work that they had been doing all the winter. We have brought the examinations forward by three weeks, and the way is now clear. It will be a great disappointment to many students if they now have to give up what they had planned. I greatly fear also that it will mean a severe blow to the success of the movement next year. It has been taken up with much enthusiasm: great results have already been accomplished, and as in the English Universities we may expect also in Canada to have the Officers of the Militia largely recruited from these students. I hope you will pardon me for writing to you on the matter with such earnestness, but to me to seems quite important.

With much respect, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 27th, 1915

The Right Honourable Sir R. L. Borden, G.C.M.G.,

Premier of Canada.

My dear Mr. Premier:

Allow me now to thank you for the personal interest that you took in securing for us the privilege of having a concentration camp held at Niagara in May for members of the University Officers' Training Corps? As I telegraphed to you the privilege has been greatly appreciated and I am sure that it will redound to the advantage of the country. After the magnificent work of our men at the front there will be ever greater response. You will be glad to know that 150 of this year's undergraduates are now either at the front or on active service preparing to go, and that altogether of graduates and undergraduates at the front or on active service there are 600 from the University of Toronto.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.